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People's Answer To Opposition Parties

Though the English newspapers give alarming reports about the prospects of Congress success in the Lok Sabha elections, the "Letters to the Editor" column reflect the real feelings among the people. Following are excerpts from some of the letters.

LIKE A RAJARISHI

"Democracy or Dictatorship" is a catchy slogan indeed! Very doubtful if the common voter can understand it. As Mr. Kripalaal says there is but a thin veil between the two systems. Democracy to be effective must have a streak of dictatorship. Otherwise it will result in the J.P. type democracy—free for all—ultimately the law of the jungle will prevail.

Even Gandhi was accused of dictatorship on several occasions and many parted company on that score. The Premiership of a country is not that easy or cheap as some people imagine. It is dynamism, personality and integrity that make a leader. We have men who are persuasive speakers and good executors but have they got the fire and charisma that make a leader shine? A leader has to care for his (her) people on the one hand and account to the whole world on the other. Like a Rajarishi he (she) must command respect everywere and assume a position where his (her) word becomes law. This is not a dictator's make up but that of a leader who must be respected and obeyed. The office of a Prime Minister is not like that of a chairman of the Board of Directors. Without doubt, Mrs. Gandhi has a cool head, iron will and enormous capacity to endure. Her hands are clean and there is no body in sight who can replace her.

NO TRACE OF FEAR

The octogenarian and septuagenarian leaders of the Janata party are crying hoarse that the people in the country are living in a state of fear. I see no trace of fear anywhere. The only persons who live in fear are the smugglers, the black-market merchants, the corrupt politicians and public servants, those who incite the services to revolt, the students to come out of schools and colleges and ruin themselves in the process, and the few that are determined to disturb the peace of the country. The man in the street sees no fear anywhere and is able to carry on his daily activities without let or hindrance. There has been no greater blessing to India in recent years than the Emergency, which has brought order out of chaos, peace out of turmoil and instilled a sense of discipline and orderliness, in a nation not turned to self-restraint.

Mr. Morarji Desai calls Mrs. Indira Gandhi a dictator. Those of us who had followed political events in this country for the past many years, know of no greater dictator than Mr. Desai, while in power either at Bombay or Delhi. He had completely convinced himself that he alone had a monopoly of wisdom. No wonder that his own friend, Mr. S. K. Patil, had to pull him up recently for Mr. Desai's indiscreet and authoritarian utterances. Mr. Morarji's unbending attitude in the way he implemented the Gold Control Orde inflicting untold hardship o thousands of goldsmiths. whe even the sacred Thali had to b made in secret chambers, is to well known to need repetitio His fanatical and dogmat adherence to his own pet theori had led the nation into turmo on many occasions. While M Desai was a Minister in t Centre, Nehru found him oft an intolerable burden not on to the government but to t Congress as well.

Then we have Mr Jagjiv Ram, the gentleman who forg to pay his taxes to the gover ment of which he was a membe Coming out of the Congress o fine morning after enjoying t fruits of office for 31 long yea he condemns the Emergency, defence of which he had spok eloquently in and out of Parli ment. It is common knowled that his defection is due to t fear that he might not be in t next Indira cabinet, as he

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She is Dynamic and Capable

One is not justified to ignore the many changes brought about by during recent years in socio-economic spheres under the stewardship of Mrs Indira Gandhi. She made a beginning at least to initiate the promised "Socialistic Pattern of Society" kept in cold storage for .9 long years. She is hardworking, dynamic and capable. She bravely weathered many a storm with extreme patience and composure. Her endurance during stress and strain is commendable. Her command over the party in maintaining discipline (termed dictatorship) is worthy of a capable leader. Her foreign policy is quite in tune with our national aspirations (to be friendly with all nations.)

A Day in a Detenu's Life in Jail

Murasoli Adiyar, equally famous as Murosoli Maran, who was released recently, has, in an article in 'Kumudham, the popular Tamil Weekly, described the lives of detenus in Jail. Following are excerpts.

The gate of the jail is opened at 6 a.m. After a wash, coffee or tea is given before 6-30 a.m.

For cleaning the teeth, a brush and Binaca paste are given.

Hot water is given, if asked, for bathing. Hamam soap is supplied.

After the bath, coconut oil, a comb and a mirror are given.

At 9 a.m. Idly or Dosai or Poori or Pongal are distributed.

A doctor will come at 9-30 for consultations if necessary.

At 11 a.m. a Sathukudi Orange, plantains and a lime are given.

For the mid-day meal, they can get raw rice or boiled rice as they desire. The menu consists of rice, sambar, rasam, butter milk, poriyal and an egg every day.

At 3 p.m. groundnuts and tea.

At 7 p.m. Chappathi or Dosai with some non-vegetarian side dish.

An orderly — a convict — for every three rooms. He will wash the plates, clean the room, prepare hot water for bath, help in bathing also, wash the dirty linen and help in preparation of non-vegetarian dishes.

An oil bath is provided every week, as also a washing soap.

A barber will visit everyday and give free service.

There is provision for recreations also. Carrom, Chess, and playing cards are available. And the DMK detenus were playing cards all the time.

The Detenu can keep a transistor, wear a watch, take books from the library and read newspapers.

And a pension of Rs. 100 is given to the detenus without income. And Mr. Asaithambi, applied twice for the amount.

THUS SPAKE THE MAHATMA

I am a learner myself, I have no axe to grind, and wherever I see a truth, I take it up and try to act up to it.

ASOKA SCENTED BETELNUT POWDER

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JANATA SEES DEFEAT

Defeatism is clearly visible in the opposition Janata Front.

Leaders have already started defending the likely defeat. The J. Bomb has proved a Sivakasi sparkler.

Wild allegations of misuse of AIR and Samachar and government officials, of "purchase of votes by Mrs. Indira Gandhi", of free trips with lunch for Congress election meetings, of attacks on and arrests of Janata volunteers, of disturbances at meetings have started appearing in anti-Congress newspapers.

Doubts have been cast against the Election Commission's assurance for safe transit of ballot boxes, integrity and fairness of polling officers. Already, allegations of "excess printing and double sets of ballot papers" have been made.

Mr. Jaya Prakash has said: "If the rumours that I hear come true, one will be inclined to believe that a large scale rigging (at the election) is going to take place."

These statements are made in spite of the Chief Election Commissioner's assurance that there was no chance of unfair poll practices.

The Congress success is certain. But still, the party can't afford to be complacent. This is a land where rumours spread fast and are easily believed.

Every voter must ask himself this question: How really he was affected by the declaration of Emergency? How for his freedom has been curtailed? The emergency is aimed at curbing smugglers, black marketeers, adulterators, hoarders and tax-dodgers. If the voter thinks that these people should be allowed free play, he can and must vote for Janata. The Congress party will never restore the freedom sought for these people.

People of Tamil Nadu cannot forget how their progressive state came under the corrupt DMK rule. Rajaji, to settle a personal score with Kamaraj, supported Annadurai's DMK. He couldn't do anything to save the State from Karunanidhi's D.M.K. He died carrying a guilt in his heart. Now more than a dozen men, (all as aged as Rajaji when he supported DMK, but not as intelligent) with individual grievances against Smt. Indira Gandhi and unlimited aspirations for power, have joined to topple the Congress government at the centre.

Kamaraj was not able to save Tamil Nadu. But there was Smt. Indira Gandhi to take the State out of the rut. If her party fails, even god can't save this country. Anti-social and communal elements will have a field day till a bloody revolution produces a real dictator.

Kidney Trouble

It is sad but true that there is only one leader who is talking during these elections about the interests of the country as a whole and the welfare of the people at large. And is she responsible for Mr. J. P. Narayan's kidney trouble? Mr. Narayan had prostate trouble and was treated for it in the Vellore CMC hospital a few years ago. It is known that prostate can and does cause kidney trouble if neglected. It is not known what Mr Narayan did about it until he was detained. It is distressing to see J. P., the great hero of the 1942 movement, who suffered so much in the cause of freedom, now pitifully seeking sympathy for his health and thereby support for his only offspring, the Janata Party.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was in South last week on an election campaign our. —Photo by Arumugam

ELECTION SCENE

Punjab: Equal Chances

The election field in Punjab projects equal chances for the Congress and the Opposition. This means that the ruling party is having a tough time and it is difficult to sweep the poll as it did in 1971.

The reasons are clear. Despite the State has achieved a remarkable progress in the last five years in agricultural and industrial fields, the united fight put up by the opposition looks a difficult challenge for the Congress to meet successfully. There is perfect understanding between the Akali Dal, the Janata and the CPM. The Marxists have withdrawn from a constituency in favour of the Dal. Another political factor which puts Congress in isolation is the rift it has developed with the CPI, its ally in 1971. The Congress won 10 of the 13 seats from the State, the CPI two and the Akali Dal one in 1971.

Though a regional party, the Akali Dal has raised national issues in its election manifesto such as the emergency, decentralisation of powers and abolition of the President's powers to dismiss state goovernments.

The emergence of Mr Jagajivan Ram's Congress for Democracy is yet another factor unfavourable to the Congress. The traditional Harijan vote constituting about 25 per cent of the electorate in the state may be a loss to the ruling party. The CPI hopes to get a chunk of the Harijan votes.

The plus points for the Congress, however, are considerable. The performance in agriculture and industry, the impressive implementation of the 20 point programme, the allotment of over 3 lakh house sites to the landless, the increase in the minimum wages of farm and industrial workers and the continuous availability of essential goods are likely to help the Congress in the rural areas.

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Rajasthan: Without The Princely Touches

For the first time, the Lok Sabha elections in Rajasthan will be conspicuous by the absence of the former princes or Rajasthas. Mr. Brij Raj Singh is the only former prince contesting in the election. He is a Congress candidate.

Yet, the elections this month are going to be the most exciting of all elections so far. The stakes are high on both sides—Congress and the Janata Party. Both parties are contesting all the 25 seats.

Like elsewhere, the contestes are to be fought on the major issues like the emergency, prices and the alleged coercion in family planning. The Congress is facing a tough poll, as the "new wind" favours opposition. Among popular personalities in the fray are Dr K.L. Shrimali, until recently Vice-Chancellor of the Banaras Hindu University, Mr Raj Bahadur, former Minister, Mr Nathuram Mirdha and Mr Brij Raj Singh on the Congress front. The Janata Party has also fielded no less important stalwarts including Mr Bhanu Kumar Shastri, president of the State unit of the Jan Sangh.

Observers say the results of the poll may well hold out a package of shocks and surprises. This is mainly due to the fact that many of the active princely families have quit politics, some of them decided to remain neutral in this election.

The former Maharani Gayathri Devi, Dr Karni Singh, the former Rajamata of Jodhpur, the former Maharawal of Doongapur and Mr Man Singh are some of the members of the erstwhile Royal families who have decided to keep out of this elecions.

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Tamilnadu: Polarisation Total

In Tamil Nadu the contest is essentially between the two fronts—Congress, AIADMK and CPI on the one side and Congress (O) (Representing the Janata Party), DMK and the CPM on the other. Neither small political groups nor independents are expected to influence the outcome of the March elections to the Lok Sabha. This is the picture painted by the Madras correspondent of the Times of India.

In a special despatch on the election scene in Tamil Nadu he says that the Congress front has put forth some issues. Mrs Gandhi is seeking the verdict of the electorate on her right decision at the right time of dismissing the corrupt DMK Government and the advent of the Janata Party to power would mean slavery of the Tamils and imposition of Hindi.

The Janata Party's slogan is "Democracy versus Dictatorship" while the DMK is exploiting the fact about a thousand of its partymen had been jailed under MISA. The DMK and its allies have some obvious advantages. All the three constituents claim to have been victims of the emergency. The closure of many spinning mills and factories, the lay-offs and lock-outs in a dozen industrial units in Madras, the cut in bonus—all these are being made as election issues by the CPM. Though the DMK had used emergency regulations rigorously as long as it was in power it is now being accepted as an ally of the working class because it is in company of the CPM.

The Congress, the despatch continues, finds it difficult to emphasise the gains of the emergency as both its partners the AIADMK and the CPI have serious reservations about the claim. Therefore, the Congress is projecting the DMK as an ally of reactionaries at the national level who have combined against Mrs Gandhi.

About the Jagjivan Ram episode, the despatch says, while Mr Ram's exit from the Congress is not likely to influence the Harijan voters in the state, its political impact is far greater than is apparent on the surface. It would seem that unlike in other states, Mr Jagjivan Ram has a readymade outfit in the shape of the DMK in Tamil Nadu.

The DMK, the AIADMK and the Congress (O) claim organisational network to mobilise and bring voters to the booths. The Congress alone is in a weak spot. For all its claims of expanding membership and growing roots among the people, its organisation is in a poor shape and is also plagued by groupism at all levels. Though small, the CPI and the CPM have dedicated cadres.

It is expected on all hands that the turn-out of voters in March will be a new record, the report concludes.

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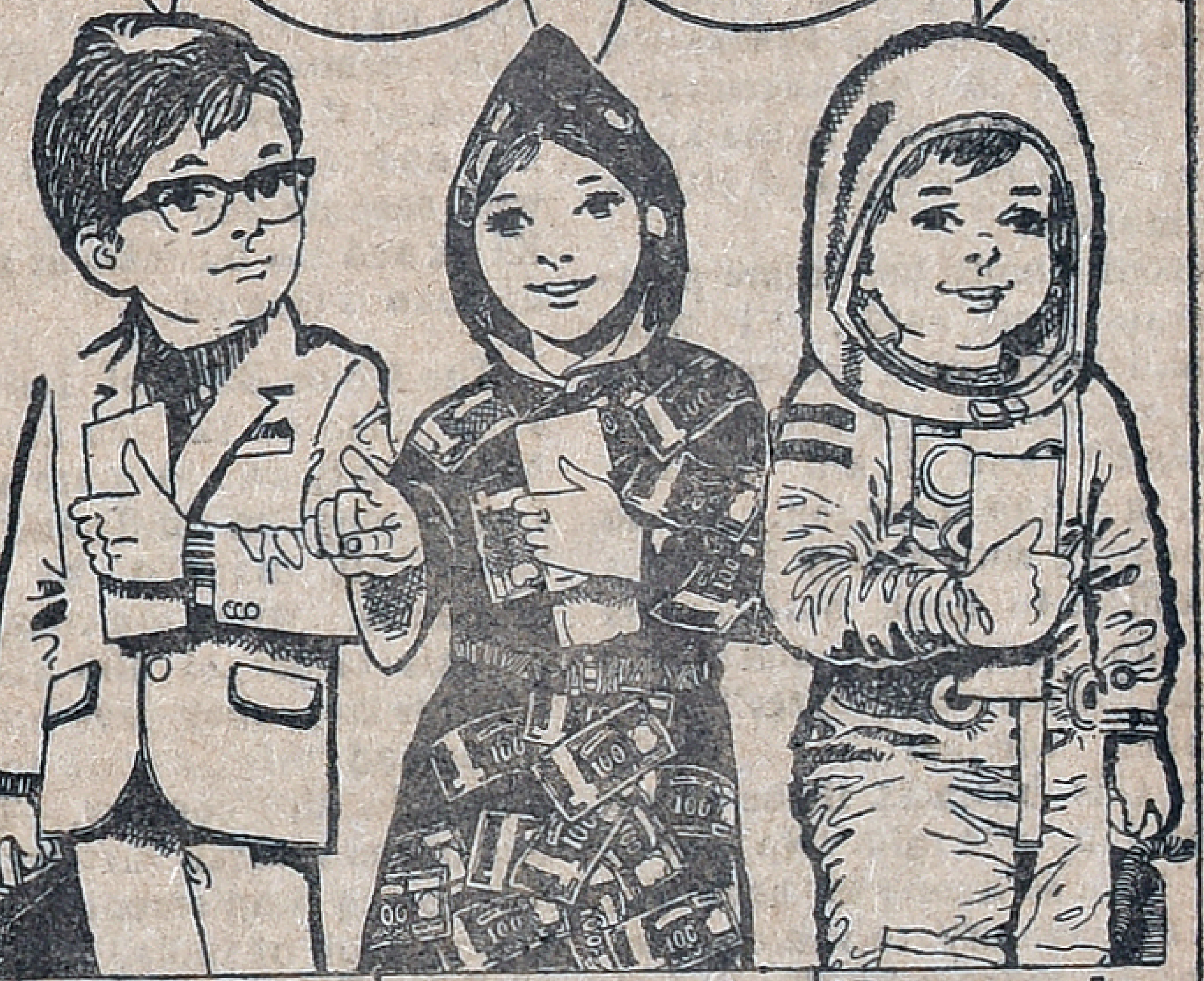

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NAESEY Shows The Way For Self-Employment

Smt. P. Vijayalakshmi, an enterprising graduate housewife, aged 32, who was once a white collar employee has taken up coffee vending as her career. She is running a snack kiosk in front of the Youth Hostel in Indira Nagar, Madras. She is a member of the National Association of Educated Self-Employed Youth (NAESEY).

She was working as a clerk in an advertising agency till 1975 when she had to leave that job owing to domestic circumstances. Since then, she could not find a suitable job. Then she became a member of the NAESEY and with its help she started this kiosk.

She sells coffee, tea, milk, milk products, soft drinks, fruits, eggs and also toilet soaps, tooth pastes and brushes. Most of her customers are from the lower middle class, middle class and upper class families. The Youth Hostel (set up by the Union Ministry of Tourism) behind her kiosk is an added advantage to her which gives her an opportunity to serve the hurried needs of young tourists coming from abroad.

The NAESEY SNACK KIOSK is designed in such a way that things can be served both from the front and the back counters. Chairs and tables are provided in the lawn of the kiosk where customers could relax enjoying pleasant music while having snacks and beverages. She has taken extra care to keep things in the kiosk in an orderly, clean and attractive manner.

Asked about her future plans Vijayalakshmi said: "I want to undertake mini and maxi catering parties even at the doors of the customers and I am already moving in this direction. I am negotiating with nearby factories and offices to book bulk orders for the supply of coffee and snacks for their employees".

Asked whether she would leave this business if she gets a better job, she said "No, not at all. I am so happy to have got this opportunity to run my own business independently and I hope I may be able to employ one or two persons to assist me. I am also having a satisfaction that I serve the society by supplying them quality foodstuffs at cheaper rates, while I also get a decent income".

How did she get money to start her business? No problem at all, if you have the will power and the aptitude and dignity of labour. Now comes into picture the Union Bank of India which is one of the nationalised banks. The Bank has chalked out a Rs. 10 lakh scheme, under the Prime Minister's 20-Point Programme, to help the National Association of Educated Self-Employed Youth to implement its "NAESEY SNACK KIOSK" Project, the first of its kind in the country. Under this scheme, the bank has proposed to finance 100 such kiosks in Madras city each costing Rs. 10,000. The Bank gives Rs. 9000 as a loan to a candidate on a nominal interest in the shape of a well built kiosk with all fittings and appurtenants like thermal urns, an ice-box, utensils, stoves, shelves an electric fan, tube-light fitting and also a transistor radio on a personal surety by a guarantor and the candidate has to invest Rs. 1 000 in cash as the running capital. The candidate, who is allotted a kiosk, will have to repay the loan to the Bank in easy monthly instalments depending upon the volume of the sales turnover. The kiosk will be insured by the Bank against fire and theft. The candidate will become the owner of the Kiosk and the business as soon as his loan is cleared.

The Union Bank of India has so far financed 12 such kiosks in Madras city and they are already functioning in different locations, all manned by young graduates. After the completion of this target of 100 kiosks in Madras city, they have proposed to extend this scheme to other places in the country. This is one of the several massive schemes being implemented by the Union Bank of India, under the 20-Point Economic Programme

Happy customers enjoying snacks and beverages at Vijayalakshmis Kiosk.

Knitted Arteries

Knitted polyester arteries developed by the textiles research institute at Reutlingen, south of Stuttgart, in conjunction with Ulm University Hospital, have successfully undergone laboratory trials. Experiments with laboratory animals have been subsidised to the tune of two million deutschmarks by the Bonn Ministry of Research and Technology.

Artificial arteries have been implanted in the abdomen and legs, but veins cannot yet be simulated since they work with a system of valves and negative pressure. So polyester blood vessels cannot, as yet, be used to replace varicose veins.

Flexible, durable, tubular knitted arteries are designed to allow natural connective tissue to form on the inside surface. They are knitted by a special machine with twice as many needles as commercial knitting machines. They resemble nylon stockings in quality, with 400 stitches per square centimetre, but the finished product is, of course, tougher and more resilient than conventional nylon fabric, the thread being fifteen times coarser and specially patterned to withstand blood pressure.

Trials began in 1974 and will take four years, which is just as well since the shortcomings of artificial arteries are not apparent until twelve or eighteen months after the operation. But Professor Egbers of Reutlingen reckons commercial manufacture of artificial knitted arteries could start by 1980. Physicists, medics and engineers are confident of success.

—Arthur Fahrenkrug

FUN AND LAUGHTER

NO TEETH

Tommy was showing off his new bicycle. He went up the road, and on coming back shouted: "Look, Mummy—no hands!"

"Be careful, Tommy!" said his mother. "You'll hurt yourself.

Tommy laughed and cycled up the road again. When he did, he called out, not quite so cheerily, "Look, Mummy—no teeth!"

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IT ALL DEPENDS

"Is it true that it's good luck to follow you?"

"Depends whether you're a man or a mouse."

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TEST

"Why did you flirt with me?" demanded the young man, bitterly. "Why did you let me take you motoring every day? Why did you let me take you to theatres and cinemas every night? Why did you encourage me when you were already engaged?"

The girl hung her head and replied: "I wanted to test my love for David"

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NOT WITH THE POST

The boxer's second hammered on the resined canvas.

"Hit 'im, hit 'im!" he vainly entreated his man.

The heavyweight aspirant, out classed, failed to comply. He recoiled from an attack and clutched desparingly at a ring post.

"Not with that, you fool!" shouted the second; "you'll be disqualified."

SO COSTLY

A solicitor was walking along the Strand when he met a friend to whom he had recently given some simple legal advice, and to whom he had sent his usual sizeable bill.

"Nice day, isn't it?" remarked the friend, and then added, hastily: "But I'm not asking you; I'm telling you."

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"I never see you with Miss de Style nowadays"

"No, I couldn't stand her vulgar laughter"?

"Really? I never noticed it."

"No? Well, you weren't there when I proposed to her."

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DIFFERENCE

"The last time I gave you money," said the stern spinster "you promised you wouldn't walk straight into a public-house and spend it."

"That's right," said the begger.

"Well as soon as you got the money you did"

"Lady, don't you know the difference between a walk and a sprint?"

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A reveller was leaning out of a window on the third floor of a hotel when suddenly he overbalanced and fell to the pavement below. A crowd soon gathered: then a policeman arrived and pushed his way to where the reveller was lying, and demanded: "What's going on here?"

"Dunno," replied the reveller, "I've only just got 'ere."

Too Much TV Is Bad For Kids

Television is probably the most popular 'babysitter' but too much TV does children no good at all says the Health Education Institute in Stuttgart, Federal Republic of Germany.

Doctors and psychologists agree that the continual surfeit of stimuli, combined with children's inability to distinguish between real life and what they see on TV, cause kids both physical and mental trouble.

Parents are frequently too lazy to do more than switch the TV on to keep themselves and the children amused. They fail to appreciate that too much TV can cause aggression, unrest, insomnia, laziness, lack of concentration, poor eyesight and headaches in children. Children ought not to spend more than one hour a day in front of the TV set, and their viewing ought to be limited to programmes suitable for them.

Programme suitability is a reference to a survey conducted by ARD, the Federal Republic Broadcasting Corporation, a few months ago. Fifteen per cent of three-to seven-year-olds watch detective serials at peak viewing periods, the survey revealed. What is more, one in five eight–to nine–year–olds keeps his eyes glued to the screen during evening meal.

The Stuttgart medics take a dim view of these habits, just as they disapprove of children being left to their own devices in front of the TV set. With so much violence on the screen parents ought to be around to chat with children about their viewing and help them to understand what they have seen.

Yet good advice on TV intake is not heeded readily by the general public, the Stuttgart specialists note. Children are obviously keen to watch TV as much as possible because they feel viewing is part of being grown up and they want at all costs to be adult.

HIS SAVING

A dress-shop owner met a friend who greeted him with; "Joe, I hear your shop was robbed last night. Did you lose much?"

"Some," answered the honour, "but it would have been much worse if the burglars had got in the night before. Yesterday I knocked the price of everything down by four shillings in the pound."

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MATTER OF MONEY

A group of Shakespearean actors of low financial standing were lounging in the bar of a village inn.

Their manager entered and addressed the leading actor: "Don't forget we're playing 'Romeo and Juliet,' to night."

"Romeo and Juliet, eh?" replied the leading man. "I can't possibly play Romeo with three days' growth. Give me a bob for a shave."

The manager was staggered. "A bob! Cut it out. We'll play 'Macbeth.' "

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THE GHOST

Brown was awakened by a strange meaning outside his bedroom window.

He got up and looked out to see what was causing the weird sound. Then Mrs. Brown awoke. Sitting up in bed, she called to her husband: "What is it, John?"

"It looks like a ghost," he replied in a hoarse whisper.

"Oh, really?" she asked. "Any body we knew?"

THEIR LINE

Two friends who hadn't met for some time bumped into each other unexpectedly "And how's business?" asked one.

"Didn't you hear?" was the reply. "I lost the lot last year. The place was burned down and I wasn't insured."

"Too bad," commiserated his friend "But how's the wife?"

"Dead," was the mournful reply. "Knocked down by a bus."

"Oh, I'm sorry—what about the family?"

"Too bad! The boy has landed himself in prision."

"Well," said the friend, trying to sound cheerful "and how are you doing yourself?"

"Oh, fine," came the breezy reply. "I've got a new line. I sell lucky charms."

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IT HELPS!

A coffee salesman was travelling through Alabama, and as he waited for a train in a small town he chatted with a lazy-lookigg Nergo idling on a seat at the station.

"Ever drink coffee?" he inquired, with an eye to stirring up interest in this line.

The nergo admitted he drank a lot of coffee. Fifty cups a day.

"Fifty cups a day! Doesn't it keep you awake?" inquired the salesman.

"Well, it helps!" answered the Nergo.

Alluri Venkatathri Swami Centenery

Sri Alluri Venkatathri Swami, known as Srimad Paramahamsa Thiruvengata Ramanuja Jeer, was one of the great vaishnavite saints. He was a great scholar. He was well versed in the doctrines of vaishnavism. He has composed numerous keerthanas praising Lord Vishnu. He spent all his life time serving at various vaishnavite temples at Bhadrachalam Tirupathi, Kancheepuram and Srirangam.

Born in the village of Alluri in Krishna District in the year 1806, he was gifted with the knowledge of the slokas and sastras of Vaishnavism. It came to him of its own without anyone tutoring him. After serving the cause over five decades he attained mukthi at the age of 72 in 1877.

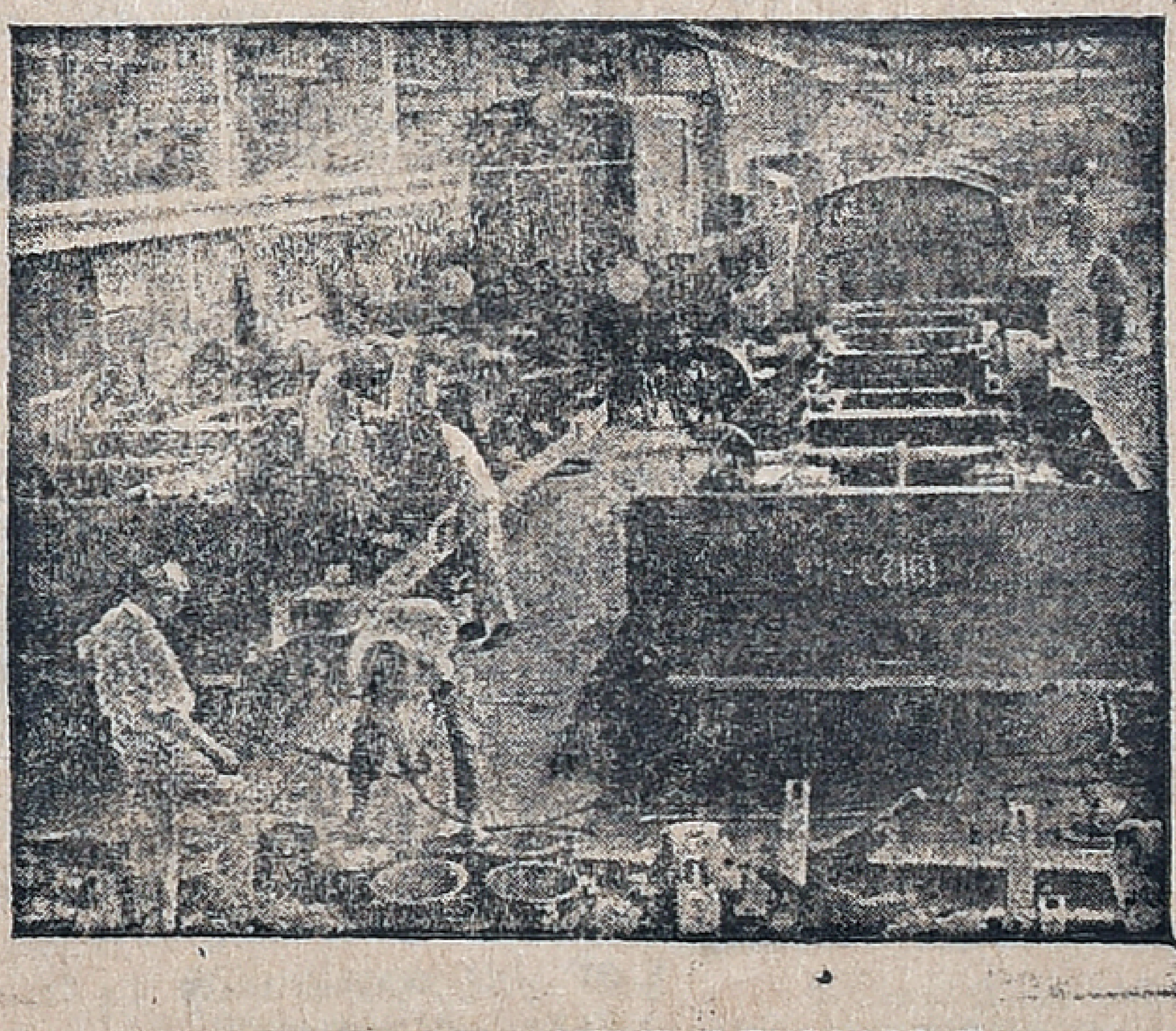
The centenery of his attaining mukthi is being celebrated from March 10 to 12 in Srirangam.

A celebration committee headed by Sri A.R Parthasarathy Naidu (President) and ably assisted by Sri M.G Vijayarangam Naidu (Secretary) has been formed with over a dozen devoted bhakthas as members.

The committee has made elaborate arrangements for the successful conduct of the function.

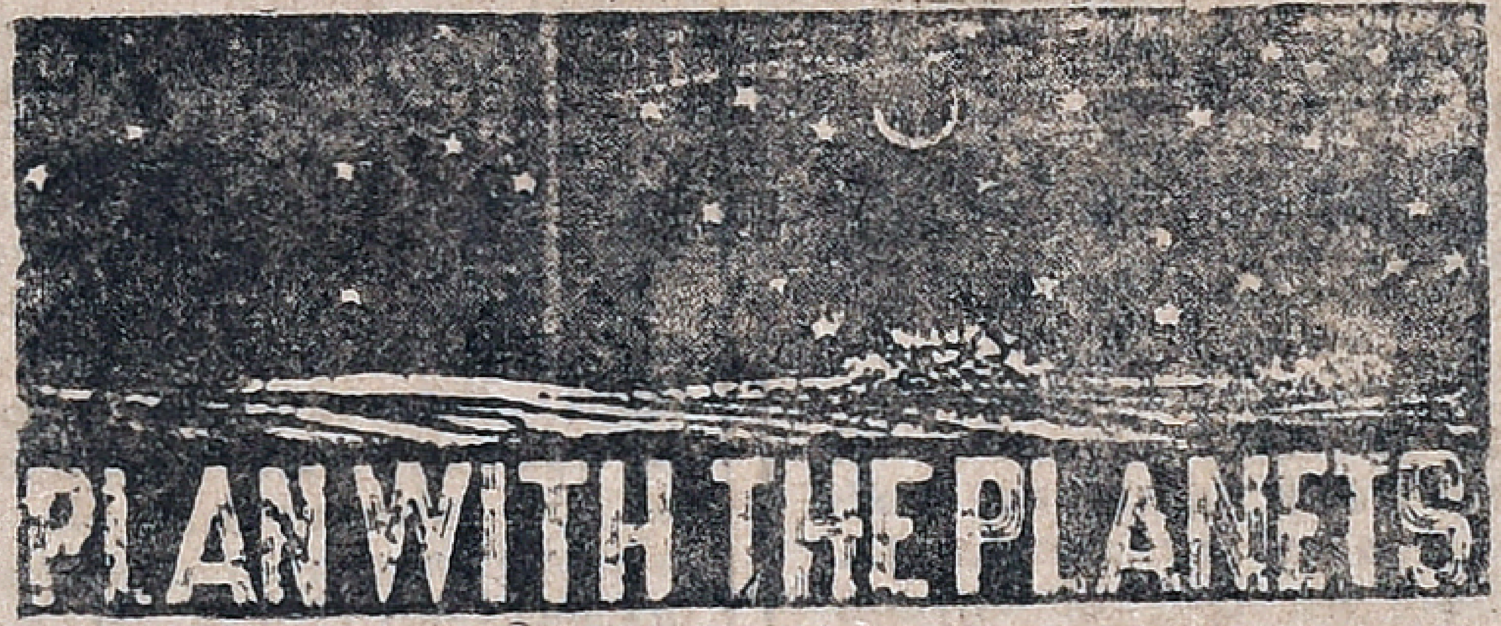
Scrap of Paper

The law on fines for dumping waste water into rivers and lakes adopted by the West German Bundestag had not yielded any tangible results, reports the Hamburg Spiegel. Under pressure from industrialists, the amount has been cut down so much and the time given to pay it so increased that this "law on environmental protection has become a law protecting the polluters of the environment." The same may be said of the struggle against noise. Although dozens of ordinances on this score have been issued, there is no less noise, with the result that deafness has become the No. 1 occupational disease, No fewer than 12.418 persons applied for deafness pensions in 1975 and 2 028 applications, or 1,406 more than in 1970, were granted.



TOWARDS SELF RELIANCE

The country has made remarkable progress in various fields. To make the country self reliant, due stress has been laid on import substitution and development of indigenous know-how. Apart from technological and scientific research institutions, public sector undertakings are also making a significant contribution in this direction. The Chittaranjan Locomotive Works of the Indian Railways has done a commendable job by indigenisation of some of the most difficult alloy iron castings. Cylinder liners and cylinder heads, hitherto imported, are now being produced within the country. Their production at home enables the country to save Rs. 35 million in foreign exchange. Production of other sophisticated castings used in these locomotives has also begun. Photo shows a view of the Chittaranjan Locomotive Works.



For The Week 13th, March To 19th, March 1977

GLOSSARY

Arudra	—திருவாதிரை
Pushya	—பூசம்
Ashlesha	—ஆயில்யம்
Purva Phalguni	—பூரம்
Uttara Phalguni	—உத்திரம்
Anuradha	—அனுஷம்
Jyeshtha	—கேட்டை
Purva Ashada	—பூராடம்
Uttara Ashada	—உத்திராடம்
Shravana	—திருவோணம்
Dhanistha	—அவிட்டம்
Satha Bhishag	—சதயம்
Purva Bhadra-pada	—பூரட்டாதி
Uttara Bhadra-pada	—உத்திரட்டாதி

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Aswini Bharani
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FAVOURABLE period to implement your plans. You should make best use of this opportunity to reorganise your business set up. You should be able to finalise partnership deals favourably. Financial position will improve. Speculative gains are also indicated. Health will improve. Family members will be cooperative. Matters relating to children could be finalised. Property matters should be handled properly to avoid complications later. Favourable days: 15th & 16th.

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Krittika 3/4 Rohini
Mrigashirsha 1/2

FAVOURABLE period continues. You should make best use of this opportunity to improve your business prospects. Financial position will improve. But avoid speculative investments for some more time. Health will be well maintained. If you are planning to visit foreign countries, you should start preparing now. Matters relating to brothers and sisters will cause some anxiety. Partnership matters could be finalised favourably. Favourable days: 17th & 18th.

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MITHUNA (GEMINI)
Mrigashirsha 1/2 Arudra
Punarvasu 3/4

YOU will be able to solve some of your problems. Financial position will improve. But avoid speculative investment. You should handle family matters properly to avoid friction. Property matters could be finalised. Change of place is indicated for some. Matters relating to children could be finalised. You may be hearing from your associates with whom you have lost touch some time back. Partnership matter should be handled properly to avoid legal complications later. You should be prepared for unexpected developments on 13th & 14th.

KATAKA (CANCER)
Punarvasu 1/4 Pushya
Ashlesha

YOU should wait for some more time to solve your problems. Property matters should be handled properly to avoid legal complications later. Matters relating to brothers and sisters will cause moments of anxiety. Financial position will improve. But avoid speculative investments. You should be cautious in dealing with strangers. Avoid long distance travel. Major changes are indicated your in official set up. Health requires attention. You should be prepared for unexpected developments on 15th & 16th.

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SIMHA (LEO)
Makha Purva [illegible]
Uttara [illegible]

MIXED results are indicated. You should avoid friction with associates. You should be prepared for major developments both in domestic and official set up. Financial position will improve. But avoid speculative investments for some more time. Partnership matters should be handled properly to avoid complications later. You may have to undertake short journeys frequently. You can expect cooperation from your family members. You should be prepared for unexpected developments on 17th & 18th.

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KANYA (VIRGO)
Uttara Palguni 3/4 Hastha
Chitra 1/2

BEST period of this year ahead of you in the next three weeks. You should make use of this opportunity to improve your prospects. Change of place is indicated for some. Health requires attention. Financial position will improve. Speculative gains are also indicated. You can expect cooperation from your family members. Matters relating to children could be finalised favourably. You should try to start new ventures. Partnership arrangements could be finalised favourably. Promotional possibilities are bright. You should be prepared for unexpected developments on 19th & 20th.

THU[illegible] ([illegible]RA)
[illegible]

MIXED results are indicated. You will be able to solve some of the problems relating to property matters. Financial position will improve. But avoid speculative investments for some more time. You should avoid friction with associates. You should also avoid legal complications. Family members will be cooperative. Matters relating to children could be finalised. You should be cautious in dealing with strangers. Health will improve. Favourable days: 17th & 18th.

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VRISCHIKA (SCORPIO)
Vishakha 1/4 Anuradha
Jyeshtha

FAVOURABLE period continues for some more time. You should try to make best use of this opportunity to improve your prospects. Family members will be cooperative. Matters relating to children could be finalised. Financial position will improve. Speculative gains are also indicated. Promotional prospects are bright. Property matters should be handled properly to avoid complications later. Health requires attention. Partnership matters could be finalised favourably. Favourable days: 13th & 14th.

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DHANUS (SAGITTARIUS)
Mula Purva Ashadha
Uttara Ashadha 1/4

MIXED results are indicated. You will be able to solve domestic problems this week. Financial position will improve. But avoid speculative investments. Property matters should be handled properly to avoid complications later. You may have to undertake a journey shortly. Matters relating to children could be finalised. Partnership matters should be handled properly to avoid complications. Avoid friction with associates. Favourable days: 15th & 16th

MAKARA (CAPRICORNUS)
Uttara Ashadha 3/4
Shravana Dhanistha 1/2

FAVOURABLE period to implement your plans. Health will be well maintained. Business will improve. Promotional possibilities are bright. Family members will be cooperative. But avoid complications relating to family property. Financial position will improve. Speculative gains are also indicated. Matters relating to brothers and sisters could be finalised favourably. Partnership matters should be handled properly to avoid legal complications later. Favourable days: 17th & 18th.

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KUMBHA (AQUARIUS)
Dhanistha 1/2 Sathabhishag
Purva Badrapada 3/4

FAVOURABLE period to implement your plans. You will be able to solve financial problems this week. You will be able to expand your business. You can expect cooperation from your family members. Property matters could be finalised favourably. You may have to undertake a journey shortly. Health requires attention. You should avoid speculative investments for some more time. Favourable days: 19th & 20th.

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MEENA (PISCES)
Purva Badrapada 1/4
Uttara Badrapada Revati

FAVOURABLE period continues for some more time. You should make best use of this opportunity to solve some of your problems. Financial position will improve. But avoid speculative investments. You can expect cooperation from your family members. Matters relating to children will cause moments of anxiety. You may have to undertake a journey shortly. Change of place is indicated for some. Partnership matters should be handled properly to avoid complications later. Favourable days: 13th & 14th.

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PEOPLE'S ANSWER

nearing seventy. His ambition apparently is to stay in office for life.

"WILL LIQUIDATE"

The Janata Party Vice-President, Mr. Charan Singh, has told a public meeting (vide "The Hindu" of Feb. 23). "If I am returned to power, I will defranchise all those Lok Sabha members who had voted for the proclamation of the Emergency."

If the electorate vote Mr. Charan Singh and his party to power, will not Mr. Charan Singh (in view of the above statement) turn round and tell us: "Now that I am returned to power I will liquidate all those who voted for the Congress and its policies?" We should be grateful to the Janata Party spokesman for this eye-opening statement for now we know where the danger of the real dictatorship lies.

JANATA AND MINORITIES

I have noted with pain that the Janata Party has not given a single ticket to the Muslim minority in Bihar. On the other hand, the Congress has given six tickets out of 54 seats to Muslims. The Janata Party manifesto makes tall promises to the minorities (particularly Muslims) that they would give a rightful place to them in society. But its performance in choosing candidates for the election suggests that after the election, it would definitely throw the present manifesto to the winds. We do not want false slogans and promises but we want progress and stability.

POPULARITY WAVE

Mrs. Gandhi came to power on a tidal-wave of popularity and her party had its own way in Parliament by virtue of its huge majority. To say she is a dictator is just talking through one's hat, a liberty democracy does not deny.

It is the Emergency that provoked this comment first and now it is being treated as an election issue. For some of the Opposition parties the Emergency came as an unexpected road-block, putting a stop to agitational politics which formed part of a programme of subversion Mr. Jaya Prakash Narayan's plan of National Revolutionary Movement and the call to the army and the police to revolt was the limit. People had the feeling democracy was going to pieces. Paradoxically it was the Emergency hat stabilised the situation.

POLL-EVE CONCESSIONS

Mr. Jagjivan Ram deprecated announcement of concessions by the ruling party as improper. Are not all the Opposition parties, including the Congress for Democracy, assuring through their public meetings and manifesto, that if they come to power they will remove Compulsory Saving Deposit and ensure fair wages for all, restore bonus as deferred wages, etc. So the Opposition parties are also using people's weaknesses.

The Chief Election Commissioner, when he was asked for his views on the election-eve concessions being announced by State Governments is reported to have observed that if the Government wanted to do good to the people, it could do so at any time and it was for the people to judge whether this was being done with any other ulterior motive or really for the good of the community. The code of conduct has drawn the attention of the ruling party that it should not give cause for complaints that it is using its official position for the purpose of its campaign and woo the electorate.

KAMARAJ BETRAYED

The fond hopes of Tamil Nadu returning to the mainstream of national life appear to have been lost with the only remaining mass-based nationalist organisation, namely the Congress (O) having given a new lease of life to the worst corrupt forces we have known so far, whatever explations are given. Mr. Kamaraj will turn in his grave at this betrayal of his cherished values. Mr. P. Ramachandran was not probably knowing his own strength. Instead of unwisely wasting his time in appeasing the so called leaders of the High Command, if he had sent his dedicated workers on a fund collection champign, he would have been astounded by the response of the masses. The position with regard to Congress (O) in a multi-cornered contest the would not have been worse than what it is going to be

We do not want Mr. Morarji and his clan to come all the way to Tamil Nadu to justify the large-scale corruption and cycle-chain democracy of the past, adding insult to injury. If they have any consideration for the welfare of Tamil Nadu, let them keep out of here. The people of Tamil Nadu should teach a hard-hitting lesson to the betrayers of Kamaraj by voting them out so that we will not be fooled any more.

CALL TO ARMY & POLICE

Can we ever forget the fact these parties now under the Janata label conducted movements to topple the democratically elected and established Governments of Gujarat and Bihar, by coercive and intimidatory methods? The agitations were neither in keeping with the age-old democratic norms nor were they conducted in a Gandhian way, which Messrs. Morarji Desai and J.P. Narayan apparently profess. We would do well to remember that a woman member of Bihar Assembly was beaten in public by the camp-followers of these self-appointed saviours of democracy.

Can we forget the call given by Mr. J.P Narayan to the Police and the Army to mutiny against the Government? It is strange that Mr Narayan now tries to explain away his call, by stating that he simply asked the police and the army not to obey illegal orders, which was an instruction given in the Police Code. Nobody would be fooled by this argument. Do politicians standing on political platforms speak of the code of conduct of the Government, the P & T or E.B. employees? What is the necessity or context that forced him to speak of the Police Code of conduct at the height of dharnas, bandhs and agitations?

EXTRA CONSTITUTIONAL

The Opposition parties are themselves to blame for the imposition of Emergency. Knowing that they will not be able to dislodge Mrs. Gandhi by constitutional means, the Opposition leaders resorted to extra-constitutional means, the gheraos, violence in the streets, etc. Even an elder statesman like J.P. went to the extent of calling upon the armed forces and the police not to obey the orders of the Government. Students were asked not to attend their classes and Civil Servants their offices and violence became the order of the day. No Prime Minister worth his or her salt could obviously countenance such a state of affairs. So this parrot-like cry of the Opposition about the evils of Emergency, the PM is a dictator etc. are all old hat now.

Coming to the election manifestos of various Opposition parties these promise the people of India the moon, Shangri-la and Utopia all rolled into one. Making all sorts of promises at election time is the easiest thing in the world. But carrying them out is a different kettle of fish.

SHE NEVER ASPIRED

Mr. Jagjivan Ram, while answering a question at a news conference referring to Mrs. Indira Gandhi, has said that according to her there was none else in the country to shoulder the responsibility of Prime Minister as if it was the monopoly of her family. The second part of his statement goes as follows: "We in our parties have several leaders who can be the Prime Minister and there will be collective leadership."

When Nehru died it was Lal Bahadur Sastri and not Indira Gandhi who became Prime Minister. Mrs. Indira Gandhi was made Prime Minister, when she herself did not aspire for that. The Opposition feels Mrs. Gandhi has held the post of Prime Minister for too long a period. She has been P.M. so long because of the confidence of the Congress members and the people of India in her and because of her work and scientific approach to the problems of the people at large. Holding of the post of Prime Ministership for a long period will not make one a dictator because our Constitution has given the ultimate power to the people to use democratic means in choosing the government. What Mrs. Indira Gandhi did is quite constitutional and none can deny her achievements and the part played by her in the development and building up of the nation. People should not try to tarnish her true image for their own selfish gains.

Strange Bedfellows

The way desperate elements have ganged up to win the election is astounding. One fails to understand what ever is common between the Congress (O) president Mr Ashok Mehta and the Jan Sangh president Mr L K. Advani or between Mr. A. B. Vajpayee and Mr M. Karunanidhi between Mr J. B. Kripalani and Mrs V. L. Pandit, between Mr Charan Singh and Mr Madhu Limaye or between Mr. Jagjivan Ram and Mrs Nandini Satpathy—except of course now a burning desire to dislodge Mrs Gandhi.

One had actually some sympathy for Mr Morarji Desai when Mr Chandra Sekhar made personal attacks on him during the bank nationalisation days and now they are comrades in arms against Mrs Indira Gandhi! So are Mr Krishna Kant and Mr Arjun Arora, the other radicals.

Unbecoming

Recently at a public meeting held at Thyagarayanagar, Madras, the CFD Chairman, Jagjivan Ram made some remarks that do not at all become of a leader and seasoned politician of his calibre. He told the audience that the removal of Mr Karunanidhi from office only helped to endear him more and more to the people. He went further and remarked that no amount of enquiries and charges is going to affect his popularity. He has not cogitated for a moment that it is not fair and prudent to express his views when a political leader standing charged and an enquiry is going on. Does it mean that a politician of so many years standing pooh-poohs the proper and legal steps taken and the appointment of a commission with a jurist of repute?

Navarathinam

As any other film with M. G. R. leading the cast, C. N. V. Movies "Navarathinam" also proves to be a mass attraction full of fabulous scenery in rich colour. It is a good entertainer.

M. G. R. (Thangam), brought up in his palatial home in seclusion by his over-anxious mother (S. Varalakshmi) who fear he may fall a victim to his uncles, (M. N. Nambiar) machinations like his father, escapes from his house vowing to take revenge on his uncle. While on his mission, he comes across a few damsels in distress and saves them from their difficulties. Finally he brings to book his uncle who was indulging in all sorts of anti-social activities.

The first person he meets after coming out of his house is Latha (Manickam) a gypsy girl who follows him through thick and thin and finally marrys him. He helps Zarina Wahab (Pushpa) by acting as hero in her drama when the actor who is to don the role of hero fails to turn up, saves P. R. Varalakshmi (Maragatham), a Kannada girl and victim of the evil of dowry, from a ruffian and arranges for her marriage, helps Subha (Muthu) marry her lover, saves Jaya (Gomathi) from the clutches of a smuggler, reforms Sripriya (Vairam) who leads an immoral life, exposes the greatness of Indian music to Y. Vijaya (Neela), a mod-mod girl, and makes her understand our long and cherished tradition and values, gets Jayachitri (Pavalayi) united with her husband and finally brings to justice Kumari Padmini (Valdurium), who was in the bad company of his uncle.

Of the female artistes Jayachitra shines above all by her boisterous moods. Latha is vivacious and others fill the bill. (Achacho) Chithra and Thengai Srinivasan make a mark in the humourous sequences.

A. P. Nagarajan has written the story, dialogue and also directed the film. It resembles a fims he produced years back with Sivaji Ganesan enacting nine different characters Navarathiri.

Kunnakudi Vaithiyanathan has used the carnatic ragas very ably to provide pleasing musics The renderings of keerthans'. by Dr, Balamuralikrishna are excellent.

Boeing Maxie's Smooth Take off

Shree Renuka Recreation and Indraloak Social and Cultural Academy jointly organised a benefit light music performance by Boeing Maxie troup in aid of Aruna's Nursery School and Care Centre, Annamalaipuram, Madras, recently at the Vani Mahal Theagarayanagar, Madras.

The Boeing had a smooth take off with a devotional song rendered by the 'Captain' Dr. V. N. Bharadwaj. Kumari Radhika, the fifteen year old school girl, who copiloted, did well. She has a sweet and well trained voice which she utilised to full advantage in rendering the songs

The ground control was in charge of cine fame Mangalamurthy. He plays on the accordian and electric organ. He was ably assisted by other instrumentalists to provide a fine evening entertainment.

Newface M. S. Vasanthi. Charming, well-built and fair complexioned, Vasanthi makes her debut in Rasikalaya's maiden venture "Brindavanathil Nandakumaran" written and directed by Thamarai Manalan. She has talent and it is expected that she would soon become one of the busy stars of the filmdom.

Austerity

Japanese office workers are disheartened by the austerity measures undertaken by their employers in view of the deteriorating economic situation in the country. To reduce costs, they are demanding that the employees use up pencils to the stub, jot down notes on both sides of a sheet of paper, etc.

More distressing than the economy on pencils and paper is the sharp reduction in incidental expenses which are indispensable in making deals to win the favour of or "thank" customers or rivals by inviting them—as is the custom in Japan–to a night bar or restaurant with an excellent cuisine and pretty geishas.

Alternative

The Stockholm Svenska Dagbladet has given men the following advice: "If there are no buttons on your jacket, we recommend that you either marry or divorce."

Strange But True

High–Class Embezzling

Mikhael Tsour, former director of the Israel Corporation Ltd., hopes he won't have to serve his fifteen-year prison term all alone. For, in his report on the operations of this banking establishment, the state comptroller has accused Baron de Rothschild of causing damage to the bank by "letting M. Tsour to indulge in fraudulent operations." The whole of the administrative council is also charged with negligence which enabled Tsour to embezzle several million dollars. The bank likewise lost the millions Tsour had invested in companies founded by Swiss banker Tibor Rosenbaum. Rosenbaum, who went broke, operated with capital illegally remitted from Israel. And some Israeli politicians, Rothschild said, feared that if "Tibor Rosenbaum is put on trial, it will have undesirable consequences for themselves or the parties they belong to."

That "Red" Metric System

A director of the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City (U. S. A.) had reportedly set himself the task of finding atleast one 'tool of world communism" in his country. And he did. It is the U. S. conversion to metric system. Here is his argument: the new system of weights and measures will lead to the "further division" of the family because "parents won't understand what their kids are talking about. "The parents will measure everything in feet and the children in metres."

What Shocked Him More

Alfred Reid, a 68–year-old resident of Deal (England), looked into his local social security office to inquire why his old-age pension had suddenly stopped coming. "Sorry, we thought you were dead," he was told politely. Reid of course succeeded in convincing the office that he was neither a corpse nor a ghost, and got his pension. "What shocked me more", he said, "is that they thought my wife Enda had remarried."

Apartheid Loos

The Rand Daily Mail, a liberal South African newspaper, recently subjected one of the ordinances of the racist regime to cutting ridicule. Commenting on the existing regulation that industtial establishments should have a toilet for every fifteen workers of one particular race, the paper has calculated that an enterprise employing 17 Coloured males and 16 Coloured females, 19 Indian males and 20 Indian females, 31 white males and 21 Chinese females, and 33 Black males and 46 Black females (all told 247 employees) must have 24 toilets.

Cruelty?

When Carlo Collodi wrote "The Adventures of Pinocchio," it propably never occured to him that many years later he would be accused of cruelty. And he was, in the Japanese City of Nagoya, where a group of people set up an organization they called the Association to Wash Pinocchio. They claimed that there was evidence of "discrimination against disabled unfortunates" in all the 19 Japanese editions of the book. The reference was to the blind Cat and the lame Fox, and this despite the fact that in the Japanese translations they are called "a cat with bad eyesight" and "a fox with weak legs." The Italian admirers of Collodi, writes Time, have suggested banning Honda motorcycles and cars from the Apennine peninsula as a reply measure.

Experience Welcomed

White racists continue to flee from Rhodesia. And not only to Europe. Recently a group of them arrived in Australia. The Australians are not overly enthusiastic about the arrival of these uninvited guests. There is one person, however, who seems to be very glad: Prime Minister of Western Australia. "The Age" writes that he immediately provides them with jobs, employing them as jail warders.

The Saviours

The West German Writschaftswoche magazine has published an item with the following truly tragic heading: "The German Sacrifice," It affirms: "Without the financial aid of the Federal Republic of Germany, (Western) Europe would have had to declare itself insolvent. By their excessively high contributions to the common fund, the Germans are seeing to it that the other EEC member countries pay in carrespondingly less."

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